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Government and the Provinces on the question of prices, this decision of leave Provinces free to fix their prices is a necessary corollary of the revised food policy. The Government of India have, however, suggested that Provinces should fix prices bearing in mind the need for preventing an undue increase in the cost of living. The Government of India will not bear any portion of the losses, if any, arising from enhancement of procurement price which is not passed on to consumers by an equivalent increase of the consumer's price. The subsidy required for levelling down the prices of foodgrains imported from abroad which is at present borne entirely by the Central Government, will be shared during 1948 by the Central Government and the Provincial Government concerned in that ratio of 2 to 1. In order however to encourage internal procurement and production and maximum assistance by surplus Provinces to deficit Provinces, the Centre will pay to every Provincial Government a Food Bonus. This Bonus will be assessed at the rate of 8 annas per maund of foodgrains procured and another 8 annas per maund of foodgrains exported, subject to the condition that the Food Bonus should be utilized either on meeting the loss, if any, on the distribution of foodgrains procured in India or on supplying to the foodgrain producer at concessional prices manures, fertilizers, and other commodities essential for production of foodgrains. Supplies exported under the Basic Plan from surplus areas to deficit areas will continue to be charged on a non-profit no-loss basis as hitherto.

It is hoped that these arrangements would prevent undue increase in consumer's price, improve procurement and reduce provisional demand for food imports on the Centre.

APPENDIX III.

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 42 asked by Sri S. B. Adityan at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 19th March 1948, page 7 supra.]

List of Military Buildings.

Statement referred to in answer to clauses (a) and (d) of Legislative Council question No. 52.

Name of project.	Price. RS.	A.	P.	Purpose.
(i) Naval Stores Depot, Chromepet.	6,25,000	0	0	There are nine hangars, three Nissen huts and a number of semi-permanent masonry-structures in the camp. Except for two hangars and semi-permanent masonry buildings which are being sold to the Madras Institute of Technology, who are the owners of the land, the remaining structures are proposed to be used by the Transport, Public Works, Jail and Highways Departments of the Government.

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Name of project.	Price. RS.	A.	P.	Purpose.
(ii) Gee Chain Station, Chittoor.	8,500	0	0	This camp consists mainly of Nissen huts and cast iron prefabricated sheds, which are required by the Chief Engineer (Electricity) for use in connection with the Machkand Scheme.
(iii) Fourteen military sheds at Pagadalapeta, Cocanada.	4,000	0	0	For locating the Andhra Polytechnic, by the Industries Department.
(iv) One Guard room and barbed wire fencing in the A.M.E.S., Singaroyakonda, Nellore district.	2,760	0	0	For use as stores by the Fisheries Department.
(v) Semi pucca combined room and the wooden jetty in the Flying Boat Base, Cocanada.	1,324	8	0	For the use of the Fisheries Department.
(vi) Thirty-two buildings in the C. M. H. & C. T. C. areas at Cocanada.	29,180	0	0	For temporarily locating the Vizagapatam Engineering College till permanent buildings are constructed.
(vii) A.F.T.T. Camp (within the Engineering College compound), Guindy, excluding six of the hostel blocks.	24,000	0	0	For the use of the Engineering College, Guindy.
(viii) Meat Dehydration Factory at Anantapur.	1,85,447	0	0	For temporarily locating the Anantapur Engineering College, now working at Guindy, till permanent buildings are constructed.
(ix) Meat Dehydration Factory at Ranipet.	3,24,320	0	0	For locating the Serum Institute of the Veterinary Department.
(x) Military Dairy Farm at Vizagapatam.	1,01,438	7	0	For use as a Dairy Farm by the Veterinary Department.
(xi) Four sheds in the K.G. Hospital compound, Vizagapatam.	1,560	0	0	For providing additional accommodation for the students of the Andhra Medical College.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to clause (*a*) of starred question No. 44 asked by Sri M. K. Sundararama Ayyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 19th March 1948 pages, 9-10 supra.]

Statement showing the rates charged by the Mettur Chemical and Industrial Corporation for caustic soda.

Date.	Packings.	Rate. RS. PER CWT.
	Caustic soda.	
1st July 1942	In 500 lb. drums (M.S. containers) ..	45
	In 100 lb. drums (M.S. containers) ..	46
	Pallets	48
1st September 1942 ..	In 225 lb. drums	46